

The Snyder Signal

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THE NEW "DIXIE" OVERLAND HIGHWAY

FROM SAVANNAH TO SAN DIEGO.
SHORTEST ROUTE FROM
COAST TO COAST.

The Dixie Overland Highway was organized in Columbia, Ga., June 17, 1915, and the following officers were elected to office: Frank C. Lampkin, Columbia, Pres.; P. C. Hattery, Vice Pres., Savannah; Leland J. Henderson, Columbia, Secretary; State Vice Pres., elected Sam Vaughn, Amarillo, Texas.

The Southern Motoring Magazine of Dallas is financing the logging trip from Lordsburg, N. M., to Savannah, Ga., and will compile a correct log of the road and publish it in book form and also in serial form in their publication.

The services of Harry A. Chandler, California's landscape architect and cartographer have been secured to make the trip and compile the log. Mr. Chandler has recently compiled the new city map for El Paso so will start his leg from the western line of the state of New Mexico and proceed East. The party are traveling in an American thirty auto which has won many large prizes in races in Juarez, Mexico. Among one of its best records for speed was made by "Red" Comer, in a fifty mile race in Juarez, on a circular track. He averaged 56 miles per hour.

Mr. Chandler is not making this trip across country against time but when a good stretch of straight road is encountered we are told that this party does not tarry long.

The Dixie Highway is the shortest and most direct road east and west connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific and the most accessible one the year around owing to the absence of severe winters on this all Southern route.

This road starts at Savannah, Ga., and proceeds westward through Columbus, Montgomery, Selma, Meridian, Jackson, Vicksburg, Monroe, Shreveport, Tyler, Dallas, Fort Worth, Breckenridge, Albany, Abilene, Merkel, Sweetwater, Border, Tahoka, Plains, Roswell, Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Las Cruces, El Paso, Deming, Lordsburg, Phoenix, Yuma, El Centro, San Diego.

This direct southern route affords one an opportunity to study the primitive Indian life while passing thru a 1000 square mile Indian reservation, and study Mexican life in Mexico, visit the copper and silver mines of New Mexico and Arizona, and the orange groves and turf of California.

This Chandler party passed thru Snyder on Monday, January 31, and spent some time with the officials of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

THE DIXIE HIGHWAY

Official Log Presents Interesting Details.—Snyder on the Route.

Mr. Harry A. Chandler and party who were here last week on their trans-American trip logging the Dixie Highway from Atlanta, Ga., to San Diego, California, spent Tuesday in Sweetwater. The party are meeting with encouragement along the way, and Mr. Chandler says this highway will furnish opportunity for tourists to view scenes and grandeur of a magnificent country, and become acquainted with historical information relative to the development of the northwest.

WINTER WEATHER.

The most ardent advocate of winter weather ought to be satisfied with the sort we are having. Cloudy and misty for two or three days and the mist freezing and forming a coat of ice over everything out of doors. Such was the case Saturday and Sunday. Then clearing off Tuesday and the mercury falling on Tuesday night to seven degrees above zero. We seldom have zero weather here but the temperature goes low enough to be cold alright, but with dry conditions it is not so disagreeable as in some parts of Texas.

Bill Giddens of Ira came in Thursday and moved his date up.



Remarkable Professional Skaters

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Naum, popular ice skating, now the fad in New York.

MR. C. W. HUTCHESON PASSED AWAY FRIDAY

Mr. Charles William Hutcheson whose serious illness was mentioned in the Signal last week died at his home near the Central school at 8 o'clock last Friday morning. The funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Saturday at the First Baptist church conducted by his pastor, Rev. M. T. Tucker. A large congregation of friends assembled there to pay a last tribute of respect to a good man—a worthy citizen. After the church services, the Woodmen of the World had charge of the ceremony and he was buried with honors of the order.

Mr. Hutcheson was born April 11, 1867, at Birchwood, Tennessee, came to Texas in boyhood. He graduated from the Baptist Institute near Weatherford in 1892. Was married in 1892 and is survived by his wife and seven children.

He has three brothers and two sisters living.

C. E. Hutcheson of Oklahoma, A. L. Hutcheson of Bridgeport, Texas, J. L. Hutcheson of Springfield, Mrs. Lizzie Hill and Mrs. Dr. Walter Wood of Springfield.

Mrs. Hill and her brother and his aged father, J. C. Hutcheson of Springfield, were not able to be here.

Mr. Hutcheson was a brother of the late Rev. F. L. Hutcheson. He came to Scurry county several years ago and engaged in farming. During last year he was elected manager of The Farmers Union Store in Snyder and proved a successful merchant.

He was an active deacon in the Baptist church and secretary of the Woodman Camp. He was an honorable good man and had the respect and confidence of a large acquaintance.

The Signal joins with the many friends of the family in feelings of profound sympathy.

BRANDEIS FOR SUPREME COURT

President Wilson has appointed Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, Massachusetts as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to succeed Justice Lamar deceased. Judge Brandeis, it is said, will be the first Jew to ever occupy the Supreme bench of the United States. He is a native of Kentucky and a lawyer of recognized ability. There are six republicans and two democrats now on the bench and Brandeis will be the third democrat, making a court of six republicans and three democrats.

Endorses The Chautauque.

W. T. Coleman says one of the best things the Chamber of Commerce has done is securing the summer Chautauque for Snyder. He says that is a wholesome, uplifting attraction and will be a benefit to everybody who will attend.

TATUM SHOOTING STILL A MYSTERY

EXAMINING TRIAL OF TOM BRUTON HELD BEFORE MAGISTRATE G. W. BROWN

The shooting of Bill Tatum at his home near the R. & P. freight depot last Thursday evening remains an unsolved mystery.

Tom Bruton who was arrested on suspicion Thursday night was released under a \$500 bail bond. Nothing has been given out to the public to show his connection with the affair. If the shot was fired by any person in the house, he got away without being seen. It is said that Tatum had no gun and if there was one in the house, the fact has not been stated. The victim seems to have bled but little, although he had an ugly bullet wound in the right breast. It is said that he could give no statement that would open the way to a solution.

Ordinary probing failed to locate the bullet and the patient was taken to the Post Sanitarium where an X-ray examination was made Monday and it is said the bullet was located in the back about two inches from the spinal column.

It seems the bullet glanced and passed around the vital parts and did not touch the lungs. He is said to be improving.

The examining trial of Tom Bruton charged with shooting Bill Tatum here last Thursday evening was held before Justice Geo. W. Brown on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The State was represented by County Attorney Weems and W. W. Hamilton, while E. F. Smith represented the accused man.

It took a day and a half to make an examination into the case and the court found Tom Bruton over to the grand jury in the sum of \$1000.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALTRUIAN CLUB

"If you can't do what you like, Try liking what you do."

Altruians met in regular session at the Public Library Wednesday p. m. in the absence of our president, Mrs. C. C. Higgins, vice president Mrs. E. E. Grimes presided over the meeting. Nine members were present.

Responses to roll call were quotations from "Spanish Student." The 1st and concluding act of "Spanish Student" was the lesson actually conducted by Mrs. M. J. Anderson.

Mrs. Fritz R. Smith led a most interesting and instructive Parliamentary drill.

The club voted to employ a librarian instead of depending upon members as heretofore to keep the library. We believe this a very wise plan and that this action is the beginning of a more united interest in this feature of our club work.

The Club earnestly solicits the patronage and hearty co-operation of all those who are interested in good wholesome literature for our children.

With a little encouragement the club could furnish and maintain an up-to-date library.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. R. H. Cornette.

—REPORTER.

Ladies Aid Missionary Meeting.

Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met in regular meeting Monday, Jan. 26th, with a very good attendance, considering the cold afternoon. A short business session was held and plans perfected for the enrollment day.

All present seemed very much enthused over the work. A special committee has been appointed to see every lady of the church.

Come, we are counting on you and need your help. A good time socially is planned. Four new names were added to the roll.

—REPORTER.

W. L. Jolly, manager of the Finanza Townsite Company was in Snyder Monday and visited the Signal office.

SEWER EXTENSION NOW IN PROGRESS

WORK OF LAYING FIVE BLOCKS OF SEWER MAINS COMMENCED ON WEST SIDE

The work of extension of the sewerage system to the west side was started this week in earnest, under the supervision of Engineer Hargis. About 25 men were set to work Tuesday at ditching. It is learned that contracts have been signed up for extending on Faught street to E. J. Anderson's residence and on Spring street to the H. G. Towns corner at Cordell Avenue. Mr. Hargis states that he is ready at any time for contracts for further extensions. This west side line comes underground to the Faught street bridge and will be hung to the bridge across the creek and connect with the principal sewer main at the Bass shop corner and carried off along with the downtown sewerage. This is a move of great importance and it is hoped the people all over the city will get into line and that in a year or two Snyder may have a complete sewerage system.

ALVIN CROWDER BURIED HERE.

The remains of Alvin M. Crowder, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Crowder arrived here from San Diego, Calif., Tuesday and were buried in Snyder Cemetery at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Alvin was reared in Scurry county. He was a young man of fine promise and high aspirations. He enlisted in the United States Naval service two or three years ago and has made a good record.

About two weeks ago a message was received here stating that he was dead. The message came from New Orleans. It is learned that the death was self-inflicted on board a ship on the Pacific ocean. The body was landed at San Diego, California, and was shipped home from there arriving here Tuesday.

The Signal extends sympathy to the surviving parents and relatives.

Father Temple Passes Away.

Mr. Joseph M. Temple died last Sunday at the home of his daughter Mrs. J. L. Andrews in Find Snyder and was buried Monday afternoon in the Snyder cemetery. Rev. J. C. Beebe conducted the funeral services.

Father Temple has resided here for many years and his passing has been regretted in the home of many of our people who have known him in youth. He was a warm-hearted Christian, a member of the Presbyterian church and he loved to go about doing good.

His faithful wife, the companion of many years died here a few weeks ago. He has missed that companionship and has felt lonely and unassisted. At last the shackles have been broken and he goes home to his Lord and to the happy reunion that shall know no more parting.

He is survived by several sons and daughters and grand children, leaving to them the record of a well spent life.

Tax Payments Good.

It is estimated that 90 or 95 per cent of State, County and City Taxes were collected by Feb. 1. Tax Collector Curry says the last day's collections amounted to about \$7,000. There was a big rush of payers all day but the several amounts were small. The biggest tax payers had come in before the last day.

It will require a few days to foot up the total amount paid for the year, but it is expected to be more than ever before.

VILLA EN ROUTE NORTH WITH STOLEN BULLION

El Paso, Feb. 2.—Gen. Francisco Villa, with a mule train of stolen gold bullion, is headed toward the international line in the Huapaco Buena country, near Sierra Blanca, Texas, according to Gen. Gabriel Garcia, commandant of Juarez, today.

Miss Maud Pryor is visiting friends in Sweetwater for a few days.



Masked Wrestling Marvel

Sensation among the wrestlers now competing for the championship of the world.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAS. P. STINSON WAS ASSAULTED

The Anson Western-Enterprise of last week says:

"As District Attorney James P. Stinson was walking from his front gate to the porch of his residence shortly after eleven o'clock Tuesday night some unknown person hurled at him a rock, or gravel formation, as large as a man's fist. The boulder barely grazed the left ear of the officer, struck the wall of his hat and rebounded to the walk. Judge Stinson, accompanied by one of his little daughters, was just returning from a reception given by Pastor Albright and his wife in the basement of the Baptist church building. When the stone, which was thrown with almost rifle-accuracy full on his face, in its rebound, Mr. Stinson turned his head and noticed the figure of a man fleeing in the darkness, ending in the reflection of the public square."

STATE SCHOOL FOR AUTOMOBILE COMPANIES

Austin, Jan. 28.—Two anti-trust suits were filed this afternoon in the fifth-circuit district court by the attorney general's department on behalf of the state against the National Motor Car Company of Detroit, the Houston Motor Car Company of Houston and the Stinson Automobile Company of Dallas, and the Dixie Motor Works of Lansing, N. J., and Turpin & Davis of Dallas, for perpetual injunction to restrain these companies from carrying out certain contracts for the sale of automobiles and accessories.

The state alleges that these two foreign companies have formed contracts with the Texas dealers who are named as defendants, for the resale of cars and supplies in certain fixed territory in violation of the anti-trust laws of the state.

The suits are to prohibit the carrying out of these contracts and also to restrain in the future the making of such contracts. No penalties are asked.

Receivership Case Postponed.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 21.—The Texas and Pacific receivership has been postponed to February sixteenth.

This announcement was made yesterday following proceedings in the case.

Sheriff Atkins of Eastland county came to Snyder last Friday and took Roy Nichols back to Eastland to answer an alleged charge of forgery. Nichols was arrested by Sheriff Merrill last week near Hartsfield.

Mr. J. W. Wetzel, one of the substantial business men of Hartsfield was here Monday to square accounts with the tax collector.

TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW BIG INCREASE

COLLS AND EXEMPTIONS THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE MORE THAN LAST YEAR

Up to Monday night of this week the Tax Collector's office was about the busiest place in town. Walter Curry and Pat Johnston didn't have time to eat, smoke or talk politics. After the rush of men was over they have had to take large bundles of letters and checks, which have kept them busy overtime so that a report of the volume of delinquency taxes was deferred.

There were 1620 poll taxes paid and 63 exemptions recorded making a total of 1783.

Last year the total was 1557. Showing an increase for this year over last of 226 votes in the county.

A PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN THURSDAY

According to astronomical calculation the moon was new Thursday morning of this week and at this early period in its course it came very near to shutting off our light for a few minutes. It thrust the upper edge of its rim in between the earth and the sun about 9:26 Thursday morning.

People were out with smoked glass viewing the phenomenon, but aside from the realization of the wonders and the majestic grandeur of nature's plans there was nothing unusual more than the noticeable spot of shadow.

The eclipse was partial over the United States, Mexico, Central America and parts of Africa, but was total in a path beginning in the Pacific ocean, extending eastward across the northern portion of Colombia, across the island of Guadalupe, passing northwest to Ancon, and ending at sunset in the Atlantic south of Ireland.

MIDSHIPMEN WILL RESIGN

One-Fourth of Membership at Annapolis Naval Academy Fail in Examinations.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 1.—It was understood on reliable authority here today that 250 midshipmen, or about one-fourth of the entire membership of the Naval Academy, will be asked to resign soon because of their failure to pass the half yearly examinations. Many midshipmen claim the examinations were much more difficult than usual, but that is denied by the authorities.

The number of failures is each placed in order to be an indicator of the quality of the students.

Each of the midshipmen, twenty-second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth, sixtieth, sixty-first, sixty-second, sixty-third, sixty-fourth, sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh, sixty-eighth, sixty-ninth, seventieth, seventy-first, seventy-second, seventy-third, seventy-fourth, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth, seventy-ninth, eightieth, eighty-first, eighty-second, eighty-third, eighty-fourth, eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth, eighty-seventh, eighty-eighth, eighty-ninth, ninetieth, ninety-first, ninety-second, ninety-third, ninety-fourth, ninety-fifth, ninety-sixth, ninety-seventh, ninety-eighth, ninety-ninth, one hundredth.

Yellie C. Hays of Dallas, who several years ago "turned Texas" as a gospel singer, was in Snyder last Sunday night and sang at the Baptist church. Mr. Hays is traveling now for the Dallas Cotton Ginning Company to introduce an instrument for ginning cotton.

E. A. Burwell of Route 1, stopped a 8 mail car here Monday long enough to pass over a check for subscription to the Star-Telegram and renewal for the Signal.

Born, at Ira, Jan. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lewis, a boy.

Scott Stauffer, ranchman of Pose City, passed through yesterday enroute to Fort Worth.—Sweetwater Journal.